

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 11, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Alpheus T. Palmer, praying for an increase of his pension, beg leave to report:

That it appears the petitioner was severely wounded at the battle of Churubusco, for which wound he was allowed a pension, under the general laws, of \$17 per month, from the 27th August, 1848. This being the highest rate of pension granted by the general laws to officers of his grade, (first lieutenant,) he applied to Congress, and under a special act, approved 16th August, 1856, his pension was increased to \$30 per month, which is the full pay of a lieutenant of infantry.

He now prays that his pension may be further increased, as it is "entirely inadequate to support himself and family."

Your committee are satisfied, from the evidence presented, that Lieutenant Palmer was a gallant officer, and performed his duty faithfully while in service, yet they do not think it proper to grant a further increase of his pension, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

REPORT

The following report was prepared by the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of New York, and is submitted to the people of the State for their consideration.

The committee has the honor to acknowledge the many suggestions and criticisms which have been received from the public, and to express its appreciation for the interest and cooperation of the people in this important matter.

The committee has carefully considered all the suggestions and criticisms, and has endeavored to make the proposed amendment as fair and reasonable as possible. It is believed that the proposed amendment will be found to be in the best interests of the State, and will be found to be a wise and necessary measure for the improvement of the constitution.

The committee has the honor to submit this report to the people of the State, and to urge upon them the importance of their participation in this great work of reform.